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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PROHIBITION RELATING TO
HOMEMAKER-COMPANION SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-677 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Each person obtaining a homemaker-companion agency
4 certificate of registration shall: (1) Exhibit the agency's certificate of
5 registration upon request by any interested party, (2) state in any
6 advertisement the fact that the agency is registered, and (3) include the
7 agency's registration number in any advertisement.

8 (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as such
9 person's own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false
10 evidence of a material nature to the Commissioner of Consumer
11 Protection for the purpose of procuring a certificate, (3) represent
12 himself or herself falsely as, or impersonate, a registered homemaker-
13 companion agency, (4) use or attempt to use a certificate which has
14 expired or which has been suspended or revoked, (5) offer [to] or
15 provide homemaker or companion services without having a current

16 certificate of registration under the provisions of sections 20-670 to 20-
17 680, inclusive, or (6) represent in any manner that such person's
18 registration constitutes an endorsement by the commissioner of the
19 quality of services provided by such person.

20 (c) In addition to any other remedy provided for in sections 20-670
21 to 20-676, inclusive, any person who violates any provision of
22 subsection (b) of this section, shall be fined not more than one
23 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

24 (d) Certificates issued to a homemaker-companion agency shall not
25 be transferable or assignable.

26 (e) All certificates issued under the provisions of sections 20-670 to
27 20-680, inclusive, shall expire annually. The fee for renewal of a
28 certificate shall be the same as the fee charged for an original
29 application pursuant to section 20-672. Fees collected pursuant to the
30 issuance of a certificate or renewal of a certificate shall be deposited in
31 the General Fund.

32 (f) Failure to receive a notice of expiration of registration or a
33 renewal application shall not exempt a homemaker-companion agency
34 from the obligation to renew.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	20-677

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